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STAFF REPORT

August 29, 2013

REQUEST: City Council Bill #13-0244/Baltimore City Landmark List - Canton Methodist Episcopal Church- 1000 South Elwood Avenue

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor A. Quashie

PETITIONER: Hon. James Kraft

OWNER: Joseph and Ann Schultz

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: 1000 South Elwood Avenue, Canton Methodist Episcopal Church is a vacant 2 story brick building located between O'Donnell Street and Dillon Streets. The site is zoned R-8 and is owned by the Joseph and Ann Schultz.

General Area: 1000 South Elwood Street is located in the Canton neighborhood. The area is composed of two story brick residential buildings. The building is bounded by Dillon Street to the north, O'Donnell Street to the south, South Elwood to the east, and

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The proposal is also consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, specifically: PLAY Goal 1: Strengthen Stewardship of Historical and Cultural Resources; LIVE Objective 4: Protect and Enhance the Preservation of Baltimore's Historic Buildings and Neighborhoods.

ANALYSIS

This is the second public hearing for this structure as part the Baltimore City Landmark Designation process. The first hearing occurred when CHAP Commission reviewed and recommended approval of Landmark designation for 1000 South Elwood Street on August 13, 2013. CHAP's staff report is attached to this staff report.

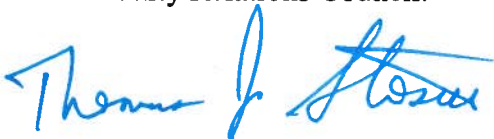
Founded in 1847, the Canton Methodist Episcopal Church was the first church established in Canton. The Canton Company donated land for the congregation's first and second church buildings, because the company strongly encouraged the establishment of religious institutions in their company town. This church was important in the lives of the company's employees, and the civic and social health of the community. The Gothic Revival style building is the congregation's second church building, designed by renowned Baltimore architect Charles L. Carson and built by prominent Baltimore builder Benjamin F. Bennett in 1883/1884. The church was named the Canton Methodist Episcopal Church, and by the late 20th century, it was known as the Canton United Methodist Church. This property is eligible for designation for its role in the history of Canton, and for its architecture.

This Landmark Designation has been reviewed by the CHAP Commission and does not impede any planning initiatives.

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation found that 1000 South Elwood Street meets CHAP Landmark Designation for the following standards:

- B. A Baltimore City Landmark may be a site, structure, landscape, building (or portion thereof), place, work of art, or other object which:
1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Baltimore history;
 3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

Staff has notified of this action, Councilmember of the 1st District James Kraft, Canton Community Association President, City Council, 11th District, Baltimore Heritage, Baltimore AIA Chapter, Baltimore City Historical Society, Preservation Maryland, Canton-Highlandtown Community Association, Friends of Patterson Park, Brewer's Hill Community Association, Southeast Community Development Corporation, Waterfront Coalition, Highlandtown Arts & Entertainment District, Southeast President's Council, and the Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council.



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